FCI's failure to maintain buffer stocks

144. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India failed to maintain buffer stocks in remote and inaccessible regions ensuring under nourished to get food at subsidized rates; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to break the Food Corporation of India into several autonomous Corporations to ensure proper procurement, storage, transportation and distribution of foodgrains to the poors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir. Food Corporation of India is holding adequate stocks of foodgrains in various regions throughout the country.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

Shortage of godowns and staff for procurement in Orissa

145. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the FCI is not able to procure paddy and rice in Orissa because of shortage of godowns and staff;

(b) as per the yardstick, what is total staff resigned from FCI, Orissa Region and the present number of officers and staff in position; and

(c) the number of FCI godowns and capacity thereof as per the requirement and the present capacity owned by FCI in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir. In Orissa, FCI and